

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 14-18 are amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 1-13 and 19 are allowed. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14-18 are also allowable for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 14-18 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c). The amendments to claims 14-18 overcome the objection. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

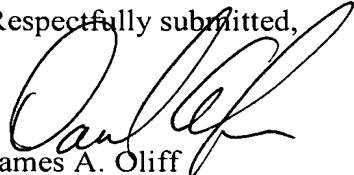
Claims 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The amendments to claims 14-18 overcome the rejection. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,385,335 to Kiemer. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

As indicated in paragraph 5, on page 5 of the Office Action, claims 1-13 and 19 are allowed. Claim 14 depends from allowed claim 4, claim 15 depends from allowed claim 10, claim 16 depends from allowed claim 11, claim 17 depends from allowed claim 12, and claim 18 depends from allowed claim 13. Accordingly, claims 14-18 are patentable over Kiemer for at least the same reasons as claims 4, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are allowed as well as for the additional features recited therein. Thus, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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